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Bri Quinn, Dysart building department staffer, said the new shoreline health assessments has been well received. Photo by Mike Baker.

## 'Great' year for shoreline rules

By Mike Baker

Warden Liz Danielsen has given the County's shoreline preservation bylaw a passing grade more than one year from its implementation, while Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey believes his township's new site alteration bylaw is also making a difference.

The new shoreline preservation bylaw was endorsed by Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills, and Highlands East, coming into effect April 1, 2023.

The main purpose, Danielsen said, was to strengthen existing controls for waterfront development. The bylaw regulates the removal of trees and

alteration of land grades within 20 metres of the County's lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

The County hired three staff – an applications examiner and two compliance monitoring officials – to run the program. A new permitting system has been established, forcing applicants to

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## Brent Devolin committed to family, community, governance

By Lisa Gervais

Barry Devolin says the passing of his older brother, Brent, on July 22, will leave a hole for the immediate and extended family.

Barry reminisced about Brent, who was a son, husband, father, grandfather, and his only sibling, this week.

He recalled how Brent was technically-minded from a young age. He relied on him when purchasing vehicles or parts.

"We will miss that," Barry said. "I'm 61-years-old. I have never bought a car or a set of snow tires without talking to him first. I'm finally going to have to look after myself. There's a big hole in our extended family he filled - we're going to have to figure it out ourselves now."

Barry said the cause of death was progressive terminal brain disease and Brent died at Toronto Western Hospital after a five-week illness. He was 63.

Barry commented on Brent's history of working both white-and-blue collar jobs.

Brent's wife of 38 years, Laurie Devolin, said her husband was "a highly intelligent, capable person. He'd only do things for so many years because he'd get bored and he was looking to see what he could do next."

He worked in forestry, construction, ran a cement plant, did retail, sold vehicles with Ridgewood Ford, and helped Home Hardware develop point of sale in the early 80s.

Laurie added he was always curious and wanted to know how things worked. She recalled that as a boy, he once took apart, fixed, and rebuilt the family lawn

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# Devolin had a big heart for people

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mower. As an adult, if he didn't know how something worked, he would research to find out.

Barry shared an anecdote of how a salesperson at Ridgewood commented, "I've been in this business for a long time, 30 years or more, and I've never before seen a mechanic come out of the shop and walk up into the salesroom and ask one of the salespeople (Brent) a question, saying, 'I don't understand how the carburetor in this old truck works.' And he would walk back to the shop to explain how something needed to be fixed."

## A politician

Barry said Brent was very proud when elected Minden mayor for the first time in 2014. Laurie's dad, Lyle McKnight, had been reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden and Brent was very fond of his father-in-law.

He added Brent, "very much wrapped his arms around Minden... that was really important to him, and was his home team for sure."

During his tenure, the township built a fire hall and new arena and community centre, and attracted the Haliburton County Huskies hockey team. He worked to ease flooding and for greater connectivity with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network. Laurie said he got into politics because, "he saw a need." For example, he was passionate about getting housing for Minden and low-income housing was built adjacent to the arena. After two terms, and a stint as County warden, Brent decided not to run in 2022, hanging up his handyman shingle instead.

Barry said, "since leaving public life, he enjoyed that side of things and seemed happy. He had three kids, two grandchildren he adored, he and Laurie were touring on motorbikes, and had bought a travel trailer." He added Brent's passing was "frustrating and tragic" because

"he was in a groove.

"Brent and I were close. I only had one sibling. He was two years older than I am... kind of the classic older brother, younger brother relationship in terms of he went ahead of me and I got to follow."

Laurie added she didn't know until recently how many friends Brent had, nor the impact he had on their lives. She said he had a big heart when it came to people. He would call people if they were going through a rough patch, asking how he could help. Sometimes he would just do things for people, without being asked. She added he was a Christian with love of Christ and church, doing many things for Minden Bible Church.

## Municipal accolades

Minden Hills deputy mayor Lisa Schell said she had the "privilege" of serving two terms of council with Brent and, while coworkers, also became great friends.

"Brent was an excellent mayor who was respected and well-liked by staff. Brent was a devoted family man who lived life to the fullest and never missed an opportunity to go skiing or snowboarding, camping, or on his motorcycle," Schell said.

"Everyone who knew him knew that Laurie was the centre of his world, as well as his children and grandchildren. As a friend, he was always there whenever I needed him for advice for something council-related, or prayer for something personal. Brent was a good human being and will be missed by the community. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing."

Former County warden and Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt said she, too, was a municipal colleague, but also a friend of Brent's. "Brent was smart and engaged and dedicated as a municipal colleague." She added they had different styles, and did not agree all the time, but because of mutual respect, they

always found common ground, "and that's really important when you're trying to build

**Brent was smart and engaged and dedicated as a municipal colleague.**  
**Carol Moffatt, former County warden and Algonquin Highlands mayor**



Brent Devolin was a former Minden Hills mayor and County warden. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

communities." She added they had a lot in common, in terms of close-knit families, and had many in-depth conversations. "We got along tremendously as people. In casual conversation, we laughed a lot. He was a fun, and funny guy, and he and I got along as people... I'll miss him."

Warden Liz Daniels said, "it is with a great sadness that I learned about Brent's passing. His commitment to his family, his community, and to governance on a variety of levels was unparalleled and he will be missed by so many. This has been a terrible time for Brent's family and friends and my

heart reaches out to them as they mourn their loss and ours."

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter, who served one term on council with Brent, and five with him on the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation, said, "Brent loved Minden Hills and Haliburton County. He was always engaged and always open to new ideas to improve the organizations and help people. I would reach out to Brent from time to time because I appreciated his perspective on issues. I, like many, will miss him." (with files from Mike Baker).

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# New shoreline lake health assessment

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ensure shoreline development plans comply with the bylaw before work can proceed.

Elizabeth Purcell, the County's new director of planning, said staff have followed up on 52 complaints from the public to date, issuing stop work orders at 11 sites and "some form of remedial action" at 22 properties.

Danielsen said, "rollout seems to have gone well, particularly with an emphasis on education and efforts to bring folks into compliance rather than immediately taking enforcement action... the number of files and ongoing action tied to them seems reasonable."

She noted many complaints were related to work completed prior to the bylaw coming into effect. "In these cases, we are unable to take any enforcement action."

CAO Gary Dyke estimated the first-year costs at approximately \$118,000, including \$5,000 for legal fees. He said they are split between the three townships.

While the County has collected around \$4,000 in permit revenues, Purcell said the program is about more than money.

"This bylaw program stems from council's decision to ensure the long-term health of our lakes, which remains the priority over cost," she said.

## Dysart different

Dysart et al was the sole County township not to endorse the bylaw. Instead, its council rolled out its own legislation focusing on site alteration. Approved and adopted last August, Dysart's bylaw has a similar mandate – enhancing the protection and encouraging the preservation of natural shorelines.

Karl Korpela, Dysart's chief building official, said it regulates all site alteration within 30 metres of a lake or in environmentally-protected areas. The program is managed in-house by existing staff.

The bylaw is solely complaint-based, with no pre-screening of development plans. Korpela said the municipality has followed up on four cases of potential illegal site alteration. Two investigations were completed without any fine being levied, while the other two are still in process.

Korpela said the bylaw has been well-received, particularly by the building industry.

"The main focus is on education – discussing silt control and erosion protection requirements with building and septic contractors on-site during regular building inspections," Korpela said.

The building officer is excited about a new shoreline lake health assessment staff are completing while conducting septic inspections. It provides owners with a score based on existing native vegetation along the shore.

Bri Quinn, who manages the assessments, said 61 were completed in May on properties overlooking Benoir, Elephant, Farquhar, Fishtail, and Grace lakes. Of those, 25 scored between 90 and 100 per cent; 12 between 80 and 89 per cent; 10 between 70 and 79 per cent; and nine between 60 and 69 per cent. Five properties scored between zero and 49 per cent.

"The results have been pretty exceptional – there haven't been too many low scores. Homeowners, for the most part, are asking a lot of questions... it's provided some fun competition for people," Quinn said.

Following the assessment, property owners are given a digital report showing the rationale for their score, and how they can improve it. Quinn reiterated the process is strictly educational – no remedial actions have been levied.

Fearrey believes his council got it right opting for site alteration over



Warden Liz Danielsen feels it's been a successful first year for the County's shoreline preservation bylaw. *File.*

shoreline preservation.

"There are opportunities to connect with people before they have work done. We're addressing things before they happen. We're talking to people about the reasons why they can't do things – that's a big plus for me.

"To only have four complaints in a year in a municipality our size is huge. The aim isn't to make a ton of money through fines, it's to protect our lakes and shorelines.

I think we're doing a pretty good job of that without having to spend the world. We've probably saved \$100,000 doing things the way we are," Fearrey added.

Korpela said the spend on site alteration bylaw-related expenses has been negligible – around \$900 for educational materials.

Despite the difference in cost, Danielsen still feels it's unfortunate Dysart did not subscribe to the County bylaw.

"It is always easier for residents of Haliburton County to have the same rules applied throughout the County, reducing confusion and possible frustration," Danielsen said.

## Bylaws necessary

Michael Thomas, president of the Paudash Lake Conservation Association, said legislation protecting shorelines is more important than ever. With more people frequenting the Highlands and lakes busier, there's an increased risk to watershed health, he said.

"These programs are vital if we want to maintain our pristine lakes, which is what we're really known for," Thomas said.

There is evidence suggesting some local lakes are deteriorating – there were unconfirmed reports of blue green algae blooms on at least two

County lakes last summer, while Thomas confirmed Paudash saw its first ever bloom in early July.

"It's not good, but we're using it as an educational tool to show people what can happen if you're not responsible. These types of blooms occur, often, because of run-off from someone's property getting into the water. That's why the shoreline bylaw is so

*We know how they're working politically, the acceptance levels, the costs... what is lacking is something that would indicate we're seeing improvement in near-shore lake health, that's something U-Links could assist with.*

**Andy Gordon - U-Links**

important," Thomas said.

Andy Gordon, director at U-Links and a former professor of forest ecology at the University of Guelph, feels both programs have their merits but could be bolstered by introducing key performance indicators on the aquatic side.

"We know how they're working politically, the acceptance levels, the costs... what is lacking is something that would indicate we're seeing improvement in near-shore lake health, that's something U-Links could assist with," Gordon said.

He added U-Links, with the support of the County and other partners, has continued to expand its water quality testing program in the Highlands, and is currently engaging with more than 25 lake associations. Gordon said he's pleased with that commitment to engage the local community.

Gordon feels the bylaws have the potential to make a real difference.

"The bylaws are very important to make sure we do maintain pristine water quality, because that is directly tied to the economy of Haliburton County. Pristine lakes equal tourists, which equal money, which equals jobs for more people up here."

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# Booze makes comeback with contract

By Mike Baker

Liquor stores across Haliburton County reopened July 23 as a two-week standoff between the LCBO and its unionized employees concluded.

All 680 LCBO stores were closed from July 5 to 12, with 9,000 workers walking off the job to advocate for higher pay and increased job security. Select outlets reopened with limited hours last week, but all five County stores and one in Kinmount were shuttered for 18 days.

In a media release, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) confirmed a new three-year contract includes significant improvements for LCBO workers. The new deal was approved by 90 per cent of union members.

The agreement includes an eight per cent wage increase over three years, an extra 7.8 per cent jump for those on minimum wage or just above, and a wage adjustment for some trade positions in LCBO warehouses.

Colleen MacLeod, bargaining team chair, said the new contract also includes a clause guaranteeing there will be no store closures over the term of the deal, while also

implementing a cap on the number of agency or private liquor stores opening.

As well, approximately 1,000 casual workers will be taken on as permanent part-time staff, with 60 new permanent full-time positions created. There's also improved access to benefits for casual part-time employees who work over 1,000 hours.

OPSEU said the strike impacted around 40 LCBO employees in Haliburton County.

"We went on strike to protect good jobs and public revenues, and to win more permanent jobs with benefits and guaranteed hours," MacLeod said. "Our members stood strong. They held strong lines, they talked to their communities – and they won."

On July 19, Haliburton LCBO workers paraded along Highland Street to celebrate their big win, serenading passersby with renditions of Queen's *We Are the Champions* and Twisted Sister's *We're Not Gonna Take It*.

Stores reopened with regular hours on July 23.

The Minden LCBO was a busy spot on July 24, following its reopening.  
*Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



## OPP NEWS

### Motorcycle accident

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a collision in Algonquin Highlands, which resulted in a motorcyclist sustaining life-threatening injuries.

On July 22, at approximately 9:13 p.m., OPP, EMS, and Algonquin Highlands fire responded to a report of a collision involving a passenger vehicle and motorcycle on North Shore Road. The driver of the motorcycle sustained life-threatening injuries and was taken to a local hospital by EMS, then transferred to a Toronto-area trauma centre by ORNGE Air.

The road was closed in both directions between Hwy. 35 and Mifflin Road while

members from the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement team attended to assist in the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or you may submit your tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

### Police stop leads to drug charges

Members of the Bancroft detachment of the OPP have laid drug charges after a traffic stop in Bancroft.

On July 20, shortly after 7 a.m., officers

pulled over a vehicle. As a result of the investigation, 36-year-old Amanda Corby and 60-year-old Charles Townsend, both of Wilberforce, were arrested and charged with the criminal offence of possession of Schedule 1 - cocaine.

Corby was additionally charged with: breach of recognizance; failure to comply with release order; and two counts of fail to comply with probation order.

Townsend was released from custody and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bancroft on Sept. 17. Corby was held in custody and appeared at the Ontario Court of Justice in Belleville on July 22.

Meanwhile, on July 21, shortly before 12

p.m., officers conducted another traffic stop in Bancroft.

As a result of the investigation, 36-year-old Kathleen Clancy of Bancroft, 35-year-old Drew Jessup of Coe Hill and 31-year-old Michael Landry of North Kawartha, were arrested and charged with: possession of Schedule 1 - methamphetamine; and unauthorized possession of weapon.

Jessup was additionally charged with possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

They were released from custody and are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bancroft on Sept. 17.  
*(OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*

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- The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm Join us for daily tours and drop-in program: Participate in some *Early Settler Baking* on Thurs. July 25 at 11 am, make ice-cream at the *Friday Creamery* on Fri. July 26 at 2 pm and learn how to *Croquet a Square* on Sat. July 27 at 12 pm. Visit our website at <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-24-50-programs-and-activities-at-the-minden-hills-cultural-centre-july-2024.aspx> for a full list of daily programs.
- Join us on Friday, July 26 at 1 pm for a free screening of *Madagascar*. This family-friendly movie is presented free of charge by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton County Public Library – Minden Branch.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: email [culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca) or call 705-286-3763.

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- July 25 – Regular Council Meeting
- August 8 – Regular Council Meeting
- August 29 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

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# Series of small events for County's 150

By Lillie Qiu

Settlement wasn't progressing well in the northern part of Peterborough County in the late 1850s and early 1860s.

It was hard to get people to move to the area, and that is how the story of Haliburton County came to be.

The Canadian Land and Emigration Company, in London, England, purchased nine townships from the Crown in 1861 in what is today's Municipality of Dysart et al. Access to these lands for settlers was a difficult and arduous task, involving strenuous travel over rough trails and waterways.

If you bought land directly from the company, they would guarantee you had certain amenities to survive, such as a school, a church, a doctor, and merchant mills. By forming their own County, it gave newcomers the legal right to seek funds, and other necessities for life.

On June 18, 1874, the first Haliburton County council meeting was held. A couple of weeks later, it met to discuss railway matters. Since settlement was still slow due to isolated towns, they started building the Victoria Railway, between Lindsay and Haliburton, in August 1874.

The Provisional County of Haliburton became the County of Haliburton in 1983.

The centennial was in 1974. Bill Gliddon, a resident of Haliburton, composed a theme song, dedicated to members of the Centennial

choir and to every person proud to call Haliburton County home.

Some of its verses include "Haliburton County, happy home of those who love your hills and shores, your flaming hills of autumn hue, your laughing streams and lakes so blue" and "O may our County ever be a home of hospitality, where all are welcome, all are free to share the beauty that we see."

Steve Hill, a local historian and former curator with the Haliburton Highlands Museum, said "it was a big treat for people in Haliburton to be able to afford a ticket to Lindsay on the train. It was not an easy life here, trying to farm out of the wilderness. You look at the soil and the rocks and everything, and it was tough going, but people that stayed behind here, they dug their heels in and refused to be quitters."

The County council and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, which was incorporated in 1964, organized a Haliburton County Day at Ontario Place in Toronto. Approximately 1,800 Haliburtonians went to Ontario Place on May 25 and were entertained for eight hours in the Forum by County talent. It was also heard across the province on a two-hour CBC radio show. Over 30 buses were hired to take entertainers, their families, and many others to Ontario Place. Many local organizations contributed financially to lower the cost of transportation, such as the Haliburton and Minden Rotary clubs, Minden Kinsmen, the Royal Canadian Legion, board of education,



Steve Hill said life was hard for early Haliburtonians. File.

Wilberforce firemen, Chamber of Commerce and others.

## 150th celebrations

Angelica Ingram, the County's tourism manager, said there won't be a single event to help celebrate the 150th, but rather, a series of smaller events.

"We're just going to have a bunch of smaller, different events and activities happening throughout the year," Ingram said.

She added, "Hike Haliburton is one of the events that we organize; a fall edition is coming in September, and we're hoping to

have a little bit of a historical twist to that event this year.

"We have a 'then and now' photo contest happening throughout the County with some historical landmark photos, and we're hoping people will enter that contest. We have someone giving out swag at events. We have tote bags and sweatshirts; we're giving them out at various community events."

Ingram went on to say there will be more things coming up, such as banners in the downtown, and historical guided tours at the Haliburton Museum.

# Green burial gazebo for St. Stephen's takes shape

The Haliburton School of Art + Design, Algonquin Highlands and The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society have joined together to create a timber framed welcoming, contemplation and educational gazebo within the new green burial section at St. Stephens's Cemetery.

The school's week-long timber framing program, which has attracted 16 students from across a wide range of ages, runs from July 22-27.

Instruction, by Glen Diezel of Diezel Woodworks, will provide hands-on

experience with timber framing techniques and the handcrafting of building components, as well as the skills needed to assemble the final 12' by 12' structure on site at St. Stephen's July 27, society president Terry Moore said this week.

The section at St. Stephen's, slated to open in the spring of 2025, will be the first year-round green/natural burial section within Haliburton County. (Lisa Gervais).

HSAD students work on the new gazebo.  
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## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

### The dog days

Algonquin Highlands council discussed revisions to its dog control bylaw July 18, while also directing staff to investigate additional legislation for other animals.

Bylaw officer Robert Mascia said the township has had a dog control bylaw in place for several years, but noted the legislation is outdated. He said calls for service relating to dogs has significantly increased in recent years, particularly for bites and aggressive behaviour.

Mascia said, when dealing with a dangerous dog, staff currently follow the provincial Dog Owners' Liability Act, which is proving troublesome. Currently, the only action the township can take when responding to calls is to lay a provincial charge. Mascia said it can take more than two years for cases to be heard.

He recommended introducing a muzzle order for dogs with a history of dangerous behaviour. They would be applied indefinitely, though owners could appeal it, Mascia said.

He also discussed the need for establishing a dog pound in the township, which would enable staff to seize a dog and hold it until the outcome of any trial. He said a court order would be required before seizing. Council signed off on a partnership with PAWS at Killara Station to house dangerous dogs pending trial. The agreement is for Killara to board up to five dogs for \$300 per month, with a \$100 intake fee per animal. The township will cover those fees.

Mascia also reiterated the need for the public to purchase dog tags for each pet. Males and spayed females can be licensed for \$10 per year, with non-spayed females costing \$20. Owners with microchipped pets can opt for a one-time license, costing \$20. A new fine schedule was discussed,

with Mascia proposing fees of \$150 for unlicensed dogs, anyone leaving dogs to roam public or private property without a leash, failing to comply with a muzzle order, and not scooping poop. He suggested owners be fined \$300 if they failed to exercise precaution to prevent a dog bite or attack; or hinder/obstruct an investigation.

Mascia said dogs should be on a leash whenever leaving their home property, though informed council the township has no jurisdiction to enforce leashing on Crown land. Muzzle orders would remain in effect on Crown land, however.

Coun. Lisa Barry said she's received numerous complaints recently about other animals, notably cats, asking council to consider a wider animal control bylaw. Mayor Liz Danielsen suggested launching a community survey to see if there's enough public demand.

Council decided not to implement revisions for the dog control bylaw yet, asking Mascia to make amendments before coming back at a future meeting.

### Oxtongue parkette upgrades

Council signed off on a \$28,850 project to install a new accessible pathway and swing set at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre.

Chris Card, the township's parks, recreation, and trails manager, said the new path would link all components of the space, including the park, parking lot, pavilion, and vault privy.

The swing set would feature an accessible swing, toddler swing, and two regular swings, with some form of safety surfacing surrounding it.

The plan needs to be approved by the County's accessibility advisory committee before the project can proceed, Card noted.



Algonquin Highlands is updating its dog control bylaw. *File*.

### New garage

The township's public works department is getting a new garage, with the project awarded to Cobourg-based Dalren Limited for just over \$3.7 million.

Adam Thorn, public works manager, said the project would begin this summer. He estimates completion for some time in 2025. The new structure will be one-storey and

approximately 11,400 sq. ft., boasting five bays – three of them drive-thru – two offices, a lunchroom that will double as training space and a parts room, and a bathroom. It will be located on the township's sand yard.

Council also approved the replacement of the flat roof at the Dorset Museum, with Blanchfield Roofing Company secured to complete the work for \$142,025. (*Algonquin Highlands briefs compiled by Mike Baker*).



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# Chief still running after 20 years

By Lisa Gervais

New Minden Hills fire chief, Don Kruger, did not begin his career as a firefighter until the age of 32.

Somewhat older than most volunteers, he was enticed by a neighbour after he had moved to Waubaushene, on the southeastern shore of Georgian Bay. The neighbour was the fire chief for Tay Township.

"I come from a family of cops and originally wanted to be a cop," Kruger says while seated in his office at the Minden fire station on Hwy. 35.

At the time, policing was a sought-after job and it did not happen for Kruger. Shortly after, he and his wife, Angela, moved to Waubaushene.

"One evening [the neighbour] came across the street and introduced himself and asked, 'have you ever thought about joining the fire department?' and I said 'no.' He said, 'you're a relatively young guy, you're a family guy, you live in town, we have a couple of openings, would you be interested?'"

Kruger said he didn't know, but asked what he would have to do. He was told to fill out a form and shave his beard. Firefighters cannot have beards because their self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) can't seal properly over beards. Kruger filled out the paperwork, the chief brought it to the station and he was approved. He showed up with Kruger's pager the next day. That was 20 years ago.

Asked if he recalled his first ever callout, he replies, "I remember everything about that day. Right from day one, I loved it." It was a boat on fire tied up at a marina. He drove to the fire hall, ran from the car to grab his gear and hop onto the truck, and raced to the scene.

He still recalls the chief - as he was slowly walking to the truck - telling him that after four or five years he wouldn't be running anymore.

"I still run." He attributes that to both the adrenaline rush and helping people. "I know I have saved lives."

He's been at the helm in Minden just over two months. Prior to that, he was the chief in Manitouwadge, about four hours east of Thunder Bay, and for the Township of South Algonquin. He's been a fire instructor with



Don Kruger is the new fire chief for Minden Hills. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

the Ontario Fire College. He's also done a lot of public fire education, in schools and at libraries.

Kruger grew up in Stratford and then Midland, was in Barrie for a spell, and then Coldwater before Waubaushene. His dad retired to the family cottage on Kennisis Lake and he and Angela are living there until they find their own home. He recalls working at the marina as a teen and spending his summers on Kennisis.

Kruger elaborated that Manitouwadge felt like a long way from family. "We had a death in my wife's family in January and we could not come down for the funeral because it would have been a 14-hour drive. That was kind of the catalyst." In February, they got news his dad had health challenges and the two decided, "maybe we should start looking for something back down this way." Their 19-and-21-year-old children are also in the region.

Kruger said "the dominoes all fell into

place very well" as they are helping his dad, and Angela got the executive director role at Abbey Gardens. Angela is originally from the Peterborough area. "This has always been an area that we identified where we wanted to be," the chief said.

So far, he said he is loving the job, adding it's quite a bit busier than what he is used to up north. He noted the County is large and he is happy for mutual aid. His closest department was an hour away in Manitouwadge.

He said the biggest challenge is getting to know the place and the people. From a firefighting perspective, it's familiar. He's looking for more volunteers. They have 21 but he'd like 30. He plans on doing more fire code inspections and public education about fire prevention.

"Other than that, we have a Timmie's here and a Dairy Queen," he says with a chuckle. "Up north, our closest Timmie's was an hour away."

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# More questions than answers

Despite spending weeks deciphering statistics and comments about the County's shoreline preservation bylaw, and Dysart's site alteration bylaw, I feel I have more questions than answers.

The years-long process leading to the introduction of the bylaws was highly politicized. In the end, three townships agreed to play ball, while Dysart dared to be different.

There are notable variations between the two documents – arguably the biggest being the County introducing a mandate forcing anyone who wants to make changes to an existing shoreline development plan to first ensure their property complies with the new shoreline preservation bylaw before work can proceed. Any complaints are considered by three new staff members, hired to manage the program.

There's no such requirement in Dysart's bylaw, while complaints are investigated by existing staff.

Mayor Murray Fearrey and County warden Liz Danielsen are both happy with how their respective programs have performed in their inaugural year, though for different reasons.

County staff have responded to 52 complaints since April 2023, with action taken at 22 properties. Danielsen believes that's evidence people are paying attention to the new rules. She said the fact staff can follow up with offenders, and initiate remediation, is positive.

She's focusing on the environmental benefits

– which, for a program designed to maintain water quality and improve lake health, seems obvious.

There was little for Fearrey to reflect on in Dysart, given staff only received four complaints. Two investigations have been completed, with no action taken, while two others are still in progress.

The big focus in Dysart, seemingly, has been on total spend. While the County has invested approximately \$118,000 into its program, Dysart's costs are around \$900. Fearrey noted his council has likely saved in the region of \$100,000 going their own way. But if those savings come at the expense of deteriorating local lakes, are we actually saving anything? I'd argue the opposite.

Tourism is the number one driver of the County economy. People come here because of our pristine lakes. Lose that and a lot of businesses would be in big trouble.

When discussing preventative actions, Fearrey pointed to Dysart's new shoreline health report card. While a neat addition, the program is carried out by inspectors whose primary job is to test residential septic systems. As far as I'm aware, these assessments cannot be booked or scheduled – they're an add-on to an existing service.

That's not great when you consider Dysart conducts septic tests in specific regions each summer. This year they're out on Benoir, Elephant, Farquhar, Fishtail and Grace lakes

– which is great for those areas, but what about everywhere else? They'll have to wait their turn, it seems.

As well, Bri Quinn, program manager, confirmed the assessments are for public information only. The township cannot act or issue fines to any wrongdoers. That seems counterproductive.

Most concerning were the responses I received from some in the community. While the consensus was the Dysart bylaw isn't worth the paper it's written on, none would publicly condemn it. Nor would they criticize the council that endorsed it, out of fear of damaging relationships. Most felt Dysart was simply paying lip service by introducing this bylaw, believing it to be too weak. In discussions I've seen at the council table, there appears little appetite to strengthen or improve it.

Absent any kind of performance metric, it's difficult for people to understand what the numbers mean. What difference the bylaws are making. Why they're so important. The County bylaw is guilty of this, too.

I think it's fair to say there's room for improvement with both bylaws.



By Mike Baker

## LETTERS

### Ideology and tribalism carry the day

Dear editor,

*Re: Get to work minister (July 18).* I had exactly the same annoyed reaction as did editor Lisa Gervais to the photo op of the new CT scanner, which included local Conservative MPP Laurie Scott and health minister Sylvia Jones.

What was Ms. Jones doing way up here, but politicking? It was only when I read Ms. Gervais' column that I realized how totally inappropriate was the attendance of these two Conservative servants of Doug Ford.

They did not provide the CT scanner. Local people and taxpayers did. But they get undeserved credit. I have no doubt this County will re-elect the Conservatives as usual whenever the vote comes, despite all that they have lost under the Ford government. To me, it echoes politics south

of the border, and around the world. Ideology and tribalism carry the day.

Carol Town  
Mindens Hills/Hamilton

### Thanks to CT funders

Dear editor,

Thank you, Lisa Gervais, for your editorial (*Get to work minister, The Highlander*, July 18, 2024 page 8.)

You certainly hit the nail on the head. The people smiling in the photo, unveiling our new CT scanner, were not the people who paid for it.

Yes, it should have shown all the people who donated, fundraised and scraped together the \$4.3 million.

I thank every one of you for helping pay for this necessary equipment. We still have a bit more to raise but true to the Haliburton way,

we will get it done.

Joan Cameron  
Haliburton

### Head Lake vandalism

I read with dismay the vandalism that was reported in *The Highlander* on July 18, 2024 at Head Lake Park.

Let's hope the security cameras can identify the culprit(s) and that they are caught and charged by police.

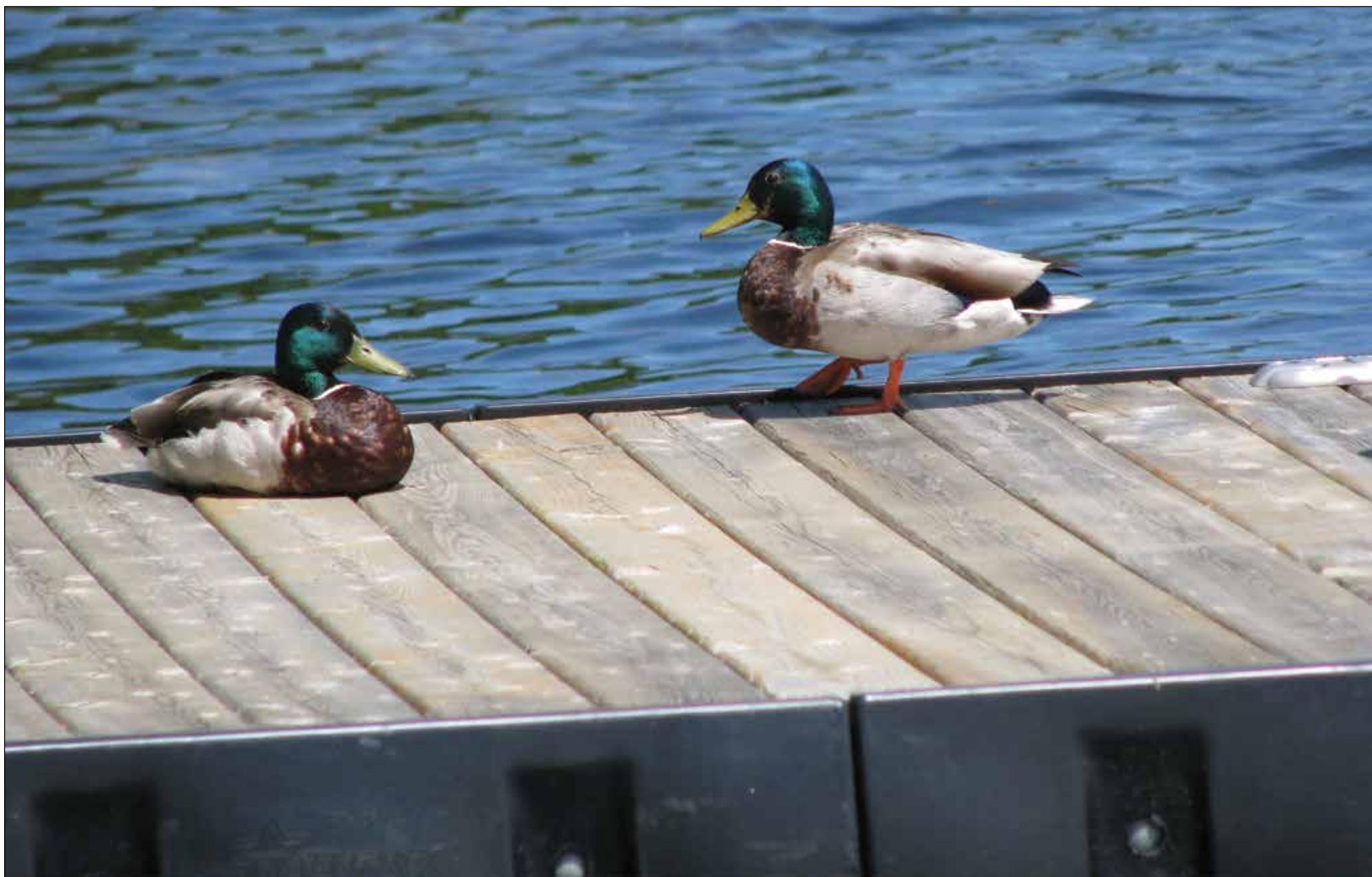
There has to be some real consequences for such behaviour, perhaps something along the line of being made to clean up trash, removing the graffiti that was spray-painted, and actually fixing the damage done. No wrist slaps, please.

C. Slade  
West Guilford



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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ray Kidon captured this shot of a couple of mallards sunning on the dock overlooking Little Bob Lake in Minden.

## HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

# Best people always go 'above and beyond'

**By Susan Tromhauser**

Laurie Van Den Oetelaar always thought Haliburton County would be a great place to live, but it took her husband's 65th birthday celebration to make it official.

Originally from the Lake Simcoe area, in June 2017, Van Den Oetelaar and her husband bought a lot on Gelert Road outside of Lochlin. Life-long cottagers, as well as having family in the area, the Highlands seemed like the ideal spot for retirement. Her husband promised their dream home would be ready to move in by Christmas. Unfortunately, he did not specify which Christmas.

To move things along, Van Den Oetelaar planned her husband's birthday celebration prior to the house being ready. With 100 guests soon arriving, the pressure was on to finish the home. Within a few days of the big event, the water and heat were installed and the stairs were completed as the band was arriving. The party was a huge success and Van Den Oetelaar has no regrets relocating to

the County.

Soon after the move, Van Den Oetelaar got a call that her father was not well, suffering with severe signs of dementia and could no longer live independently. He moved in with Van Den Oetelaar but she soon realized he needed more support than she was capable of. She quickly learned to manoeuvre the medical and seniors' housing system, ensuring he was properly assessed, prescribed correct medications and an appropriate, affordable, nursing home. There were many tears and much frustration during this arduous process, but her father was finally safe in Extendicare in Haliburton. Van Den Oetelaar commends the hard-working, caring people who supported her father, but acknowledges being short-staffed and long wait lists are a common occurrence.

Van Den Oetelaar's experience with advocating for her father led to her becoming more aware of the needs of seniors and those with disabilities in our community. While she had already started a part-time job driving the bus for elementary and secondary

routes in Haliburton, she now also drives the DYMO bus. This service assists Dysart et al residents with mobility difficulties. It can sometimes be a strenuous job, as Van Den Oetelaar is like an acrobat bending over and around obstacles to ensure wheelchairs are properly strapped in and all passengers are safe. In spite of the physical demands, Van Den Oetelaar loves being a DYMO driver. She has come to build relationships with many of her passengers, ensuring they get to appointments, the hardware store or enjoying lunch at SIRCH or the Legion. She knows everyone by name and knows everyone's story.

She says, "the best thing we ever did was to re-locate to Hali." She laughs and says tongue-in-cheek, "even if my husband's family is here as well."

Many of her friends from the Simcoe area have relocated here as well. She is not sure if she lured them or if it was the Highlands itself, surrounded by lakes and the best people who always go "above and beyond."



Laurie Van Den Oetelaar. Submitted.

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# Art on the Dock sneak peek a success

By Lillie Qiu

It was a beautiful summer weekend to be exhibiting art on Kennisis Lake for the 10th instalment of Art on the Dock.

Artists opened their homes and studios for people to tour, and see what they do. Twenty artists featured works at 10 properties. Artwork ranged from ceramics to water colour paintings to handcrafted woodwork, or functional art, to handmade soap and soap dishes.

Barb Larcina detailed a time when she was working at a firm and didn't have time to paint. She would take a week off and come to the cottage to paint. It wasn't until she took some courses at the Haliburton School of Art + Design that she pivoted to full-time painting. "That's the passion that I knew I had in me. I just never had the time to do it," Larcina said.

In her fifth year exhibiting at Art on the Dock, Larcina usually takes photos of nature when she drives up to the cottage with her husband, and uses those as inspiration. Larcina said, "it's all about vibrant colour, I think that's what sets me apart.

"I do impressionist art. The way I see a landscape and the way other people see a landscape are very different. When I look at something, I see a little bit of red sky, and all of a sudden, when I start painting, it becomes a really vibrant red sky."

The impressionist artist starts off by

painting her canvas red and then begins to paint her landscape. In some of her artwork, if held up to the light, one can see the red coming through.

This year, Art on the Dock held an evening sneak peek of the artists' work on the Friday at the Kennisis Lake Marina before the weekend event. This allowed artists to see who else would be exhibiting and what kind of work they did, and allowed attendees to decide which stops they'd be hitting up and to sample all of the artwork in one place.

The event is organized by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association. Vice-president and stewardship director, Jim Prince, said the Friday event was "extremely successful," with lots of attendees arriving by boat and car to sample the works.

Niki Bezdkian, a ceramics artist, said of balancing commercial success and creativity, "I started making things I thought would be of interest to people in the area. So, make it more outdoorsy or nature, if it is up north, or tailor it to the region that I'm in. When I go into the studio, I just make what I love to make now." Bezdkian learned ceramics in 2019 when taking classes at a local studio. She has a studio at her home in Burlington, where she spends her free time honing her craft.

A passion for woodworking and creating unique, "functional art" is what keeps Brian Kalanda busy these days. Kalanda transforms



Niki Bezdkian stands behind her display of ceramics. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

discarded pieces of wood into unique pieces of art, using creativity and techniques he's honed throughout his 15 years of creating.

"It's not just a plain bowl, it's not just a plain board, each one has something in it that makes it different, unique, makes it stand

out. It can be the quality of the wood, in the case of this one, where you can see different patterns in the wood." Kalanda said, holding it up to the sunlight, where the pattern in the wood makes the surface look three dimensional.

## 'Ghost Seamstress' closes book in final exhibit

By Mike Baker

After a 30-plus year career in contemporary installation art, Buckhorn-based artist Michele Karch-Ackerman reminisces as she discusses the inspiration behind her latest exhibit *Flower Orphanage*, now on display at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

"Really, it's something of an ode to my 92-year-old mother, but also to myself and all the things I've done since entering the business," Karch-Ackerman tells *The Highlander*. "It's the story of my life, of my mother's life, and all the things we've encountered, been inspired by, and overcome."

The exhibit explores what it means to be a mother, wife, and daughter, she said, while growing and navigating life. It features close to 100 individual pieces that interconnect, peeling back the onion so people can learn more about, and understand, the person behind the art.

Growing up in the city, Karch-Ackerman said she was an "artsy kid." By the time she was graduating high school, there was no doubt in her mind she wanted to become an artist. She enrolled in the Ontario College of Art to chase her calling.

It was a risky move – she remembers the late 70s and early 80s as a time when people were fixated on Wall Street.

"I wasn't interested in the rat race at all," she said. "I still remember telling one of my friends I was going to become an artist, she

said 'OK, but how will you make a living?' That was the attitude then."

She met her husband at art college and, upon graduation, connected with Av Isaacs, one of Toronto's most renowned art dealers. He took Karch-Ackerman under his wing, showing her how to pave her own path in an oft-ignored industry.

After getting married, she and her husband left the city – coming north to Coe Hill. She took a break from drawing and painting to become a mother.

"The break lasted a long time," Karch-Ackerman laughs. Her focus shifted to textiles, specifically stitching and dress making. Rather than go the designer route, she focused on creating memorial pieces for traumatic events.

Her initial focus was the First World War, spending three years developing a show she toured across Canada in the late 1990s. A miniature version ran for several weeks

at Rails End Gallery years later, Karch-Ackerman recalls.

Other exhibits focused on the tragic Swissair Flight 111 crash in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1998, child loss, and the brutality of tuberculosis pre-vaccine. She also produced a show based on the Dionne quintuplets – the first known to have survived their infancy having been born May 28, 1934.

Her career has taken her to many wonderful places – including Haliburton School of Art + Design, where Karch-Ackerman taught for several years. Now 62, she sees her career winding down, certainly when it comes to the usual bread and butter. Karch-Ackerman said she typically spends two to

three years on a single exhibit.

*Flower Orphanage* was like a time capsule, she said. While preparing, she sifted through boxes of old photographs,

each sparking vivid memories.

"I found an undergarment nightgown I had worn when I was 19 in art school – it was vintage 1930s style and reminded me what it meant to be that age. It also reminded me of the kind of things my mother would wear – she and dad went out a lot when I was a kid, she'd spend hours getting dressed up, doing her makeup. I'd stand there watching her, mesmerized," she said.

Her mother drew from the likes of Judy Garland and Elizabeth Taylor when dressing up, and always wore Chanel Number 5 – developed by Coco Chanel. All three are featured prominently in *Flower Orphanage*, so too is American poet Emily Dickinson.

While her mother isn't well enough to see the show in-person, Karch-Ackerman said the pair spent an afternoon going through the show's catalogue, smiling and laughing more and more with each turn of a page.

"She absolutely loved it – especially once we got to the piece centred around her wedding dress. It brought all sorts of memories flooding back."

Closing the book on the 'Ghost Seamstress', as Karch-Ackerman refers to her textile self, she plans to pursue other modes of art in her golden years.

She is hosting a talk at the gallery Aug. 7, where she will further delve into her inspiration and share stories about her favourite pieces. *Flower Orphanage* will be on display until Aug. 17.



Michele Karch-Ackerman poured her life experiences into a new exhibit. Submitted.

# Al Skinner there for family and friends

**By Lillie Qiu**

Al Skinner built his Stormy Lake cottage, in 1961, when he was 37 years old.

Having just celebrated his 100th birthday July 20, the Second World War veteran still cottages in the area, and lives in the home he built on Walnut Street in Toronto.

His brother, Harold Skinner, said, "he is a good provider and good fun to be around. I'm really happy for him reaching his hundredth birthday. I think it's terrific. He's just a great, great guy. And I'm really thankful to have him as a brother. He's always been there when you needed him. And someone you always looked up to."

Family and friends celebrated the milestone at the Haliburton Legion this past Saturday.

Before starting to work in construction, Skinner joined the wartime effort in Europe in 1943. On deciding to enlist in the army, Skinner said in an interview with the *De Nederlandse Courant* newspaper that everyone else was doing it. "Canada had conscription, but if you enlisted voluntarily, it was just a better feeling."

He was trained in Petawawa, before going overseas. He was stationed in Holland for a while, having landed there on Christmas Day 1944.

Skinner spent a lot of time outdoors doing construction work after the war, but also had a penchant for gardening in his backyard.

His youngest niece, Mary Skinner, said he "always brought stuff from his garden to our family reunions, and I was always eating his tomatoes." She said those reunions were a highlight.

The cottage Skinner and his family still visit is in Gooderham. One of the neighbours on the cottage road, Kevin Lecey, said after Skinner built the cottage, he raised it to put a basement underneath. "His wife was still in the cottage at the time. He did all that. And he's a mastermind at what he does," Lecey said. He added, "he's always been good to the neighbours. Whenever there's any problem, he always came down to help us. He's really good."

Skinner was the treasurer for the Stormy Lake Road Association for a number of years and collected the money for basic road fees.

His daughter, Diana, whom Skinner lives with in Toronto, said her dad was still chopping down trees for the neighbourhood at 95.

"I was in a play and he carved out swords for me. He was always there," Diana said.

Mike Waller, Legion president, and Al Skinner, who celebrated his 100th birthday on July 20 at the Haliburton Legion. *Submitted*.



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# Duchene Classic raises \$222k for hospital

**By Mike Baker**

For Matt Duchene, returning home every summer and helping to raise money for Haliburton Highlands Health Services is one of his favourite ways to give back to the community.

The National Hockey League star was at Blairhampton Golf Course July 19 for the annual Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic. This year's event drew 187 golfers, who combined to raise \$222,000 – a new record total.

"This is one of my favourite summer events. Anytime you're raising money for a hospital in a small community, you know that money goes a long way. Sometimes rural communities can get overlooked, there's not a lot of money to go around, so being able to raise some here is a big deal," Duchene said.

Both live and silent auctions performed well, said Melanie Klodt Wong, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which partnered with Duchene for the event. Some of the top-selling items included a custom-made tiki bar and several signed pieces of hockey memorabilia, donated by Duchene and the NHL Players' Association.

Teeing off on the first hole, Duchene said it meant a lot to him spending the day surrounded by friends and family.

"I've been looking forward to this all week – I've got three of my best

friends with me, my dad, a lot of other really close friends who all still live here. That's why it's so important to me, doing this and raising money for the hospital, because it means there are more services available for them and everyone else in the County should they need them," Duchene said, speaking to the recent addition of CT and, soon, mammography. "We need stuff like that around here."

Klodt Wong said the money will be used to purchase new CPR assist devices and bladder scanners, purchasing ice machines for the in-patient unit at Haliburton hospital, and room upgrades at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care homes.

"While our big focus right now is our CT campaign, there are so many other things we can't forget about. The amount raised again this year is amazing as it allows us to make some of the important purchases [that have been on wish lists] for a long time," she said.

Klodt Wong confirmed the event was a sellout, with tickets claimed within hours of being made available.

She said fundraisers like this are extra important as it allows the hospital to upgrade equipment and facilities the provincial government doesn't cover.

"We're so thankful to everyone who helped make this a record-breaking event," she said.



Alex Monk-Cray, Ryan Bottum, Matt Duchene and Keaton Gadway on the first hole at Blairhampton Golf Course July 19 for the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Photo by Mike Baker.



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### Amazing world of dragonflies and damselflies

The public went for a walk in the Dahl Forest July 20 as Ed Poropat, a local field naturalist, taught them about dragonflies and damselflies. It was part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's discovery days series. The tour and walk started on Geeza Road, where the entrance to the forest is located, and went into the forest for a discussion on conservation, protection and the life of dragonflies and damselflies. People got up close and personal with the insects in the forest. Their contribution to the ecological landscape was discussed, as there are over 100 different species in Haliburton County. Poropat said, "we think of them as creatures of the air, but they spend most of their lives underwater as nymphs in larval form, and they're voracious predators. They'll eat anything that they can catch, up to tadpoles and even small fish." He added, "they're incredible predators. When you think of the flies that are buzzing right now, and all the mosquitoes and blackflies, they are incredible, 95 per cent efficiency in predatory kill, as compared to some other animals, like falcons and lions, they may only have 20 to 30 per cent efficiency in hunting. So, they're really amazing."

Left: Ed Poropat with his dragonfly and damselfly nets talking to the public at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Day at Dahl Forest. Inset: Lennon Tiffin. Photos by Lillie Qiu.



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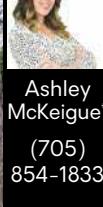
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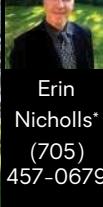
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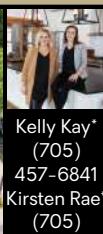
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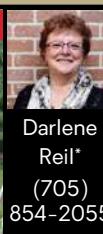
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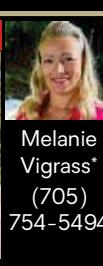
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## My shoreline ‘helped me through Covid’

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He says more plants don't just fix our landscaping, they make us feel better too.

“With our lakes, a vegetated shoreline is better at reducing erosion and keeping our lake clean than one with human-made landscaping,” says Payn.

He says in the past we made a mistake by thinking that all problems could be solved by removing plants and installing engineered solutions.

But now we're learning that nature was right all along.

“It makes sense that a shoreline full of plants is better at softening the effect of waves,” he says. “It also makes sense that plants help clean water before it reaches the lake.”

Payn points to studies that show a 30-metre shoreline buffer can remove up to 85% of pesticides, nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment from runoff. This filtering keeps water oxygen levels high, maintaining the water quality of the lake.

“Environment Canada recommends at least 75% of a lake's shoreline should be in a natural state,” says Payn. “But a survey by Love Your Lake found only 22% of properties met the minimum standards for lake health.”

### Water quality of life

The Grounded owner says there's a mismatch between what homeowners want and what's happening on the ground.

“Love Your Lake found 85% of property owners ranked water quality as their most valued lake characteristic. So why aren't more of our shorelines in a natural state?”

Payn says people enjoy having lawns down the lake. “They give children and dogs a place to play, and they make sure the lake can be clearly seen from the cottage,” he says.

“But a natural shoreline doesn't have to

remove the lawn entirely - this is about doing what's right for us and right for nature too.”

Payn says reducing the amount of lawn can help a problem many cottagers face: geese.

“I've visited several properties recently with a goose problem. Cottagers don't love the gifts these birds leave behind,” he says.

The landscaper says the solution is simple: don't give the geese such a giant airstrip to land on. “Canada Geese like wide open spaces. So all we have to do is break up the vast expanse of grass.”

Payn points to a successful project in Haliburton, where strips of vegetation solved a goose problem.

### A friend in nature

Finally, the Grounded owner says a vegetated shoreline can make us happier. He says in summer 2020, during the Covid epidemic, he had to self-isolate in a bunkie by the lake after a visit to the United States.

“I got really familiar with nature during my two weeks alone,” he says. “There was this one song sparrow that spent all day along the shoreline. It had a beautiful, recognizable song. I listened out for it and was glad when it was around. I felt like I had a friend.

“I don't think the song sparrow would have been there without all the habitat along the shoreline. I truly believe having that healthy shoreline and the nature it hosted helped me get through my Covid isolation.”

Payn says sometimes we focus on dangers of unhealthy lakes but fail to think about how a healthy ecosystem makes us feel.

“There's so much joy to be had in Haliburton County, where it's quiet and we're surrounded by nature,” he says. “I think that is something to encourage and celebrate.”

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### Pennies from heaven in Wilberforce

A penny raffle was held at Wilberforce's Keith Tallman Memorial Arena July 20. Cottagers and locals purchased tickets and entered them in for prizes they wanted to win. The loot included Christmas sets, a one-night stay at a hotel, a snowman, metal fruit stands, and gift baskets from maple syrup providers. Proceeds will be going back to the community. Kathy Rogers, of the Wilberforce FUNraising group, said this year's event was made possible by them, the Red Cross Outpost Museum, and the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair. “We have a school bursary we started doing every year and we just do things in the community, whatever comes up. This year, we're looking at putting a new bench in the park with ‘Wilberforce’ on it. The event featured kids activities, such as face painting, nails being done, and a snack bar. Towards the end of the penny raffle, there was a hat parade, with kids showing off their creations. That was followed by the raffle prize draws.”

Top: Wayne Klapow decides which prize he wants to put his penny raffle tickets in at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena for the penny raffle in Wilberforce. Above: Esther Cheng and Mia Alden man over the door prizes table. Photos by Lillie Qiu.

# Gooderham music festival to raise the roof

By Lillie Qiu

The Gooderham Music Festival is a go for the Robert McCausland Memorial Arena July 27. This year's lineup of star performances includes local bands, Gary and the Rough Ideas, and Ragged Company.

Organizer Valerie Dugale said, "what's exciting is it's going to be bigger and better than ever. We've got a lot more sponsorship this year, and we're bringing in some really fabulous talent, including Genevieve Fisher and local bands here in the County."

New this year is an open mic for local musicians to perform and sing.

Dugale added, "we really want to showcase emerging talent in Haliburton County and the open mic session is meant to do that."

The music festival is free, though organizers are asking attendees to bring in a donation for the Central Food Network.

The headlining act is Fisher, who's been named a star on the rise by country music radio stations. Fisher will be performing her set at 7 p.m.

The festival started in 2018 and took a two-year hiatus because of COVID-19. "Obviously, we've been looking for ways to put on events that draw the Haliburton community together. It [the festival] is a major music event in the County. It's really just to give people, our residents, our cottagers, a great, great experience," Dugale said.

Gary Baumgartner, the lead vocalist and keyboard player of Gary and the Rough



Gary and The Rough Ideas is one of three headline acts at the Gooderham Music Festival. Submitted.

Ideas, is looking forward to Saturday's event. "It's been said to me that [my music] sounds a little like Jackson Browne, sounds a little bit like the Eagles, because of those influences," he said.

In terms of what Baumgartner and his band will be playing at the festival, he added, "there will be some Billy Joel, and likely some Elton John."

"I think it's going to be well-received. Plus, you've got us, and we're kind of on the rock

n' roll side of things, so I think it's going to be a good fit," Baumgartner said.

Karen Frybort, of Ragged Company, is looking forward to playing at the venue again. "We played there once before and it was a great venue. It's a great stage; outdoor stages, I find, the big sky is your roof," Frybort said.

"When we have original music or we do a cover, we sort of want to give it our own twist. And it doesn't have to be note for note."

We just interpret. We don't follow the music as we go; we go, we learn it. We feel that's quite ragged. Obviously, I have the bones of the song, but our version is, we say we raggedize it," Frybort said.

Dugale said of the growing event, "the other great thing this year is we have a big barbecue sale and a beer tent. It's just another sign that we're growing." There will also be a silent auction on site.



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# Rec centre celebration years in the making

By Mike Baker

With just a few days to go until the grand unveiling of the renovated Dorset Recreation Centre, Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen said she's excited to finally reopen one of the community's "beloved" assets.

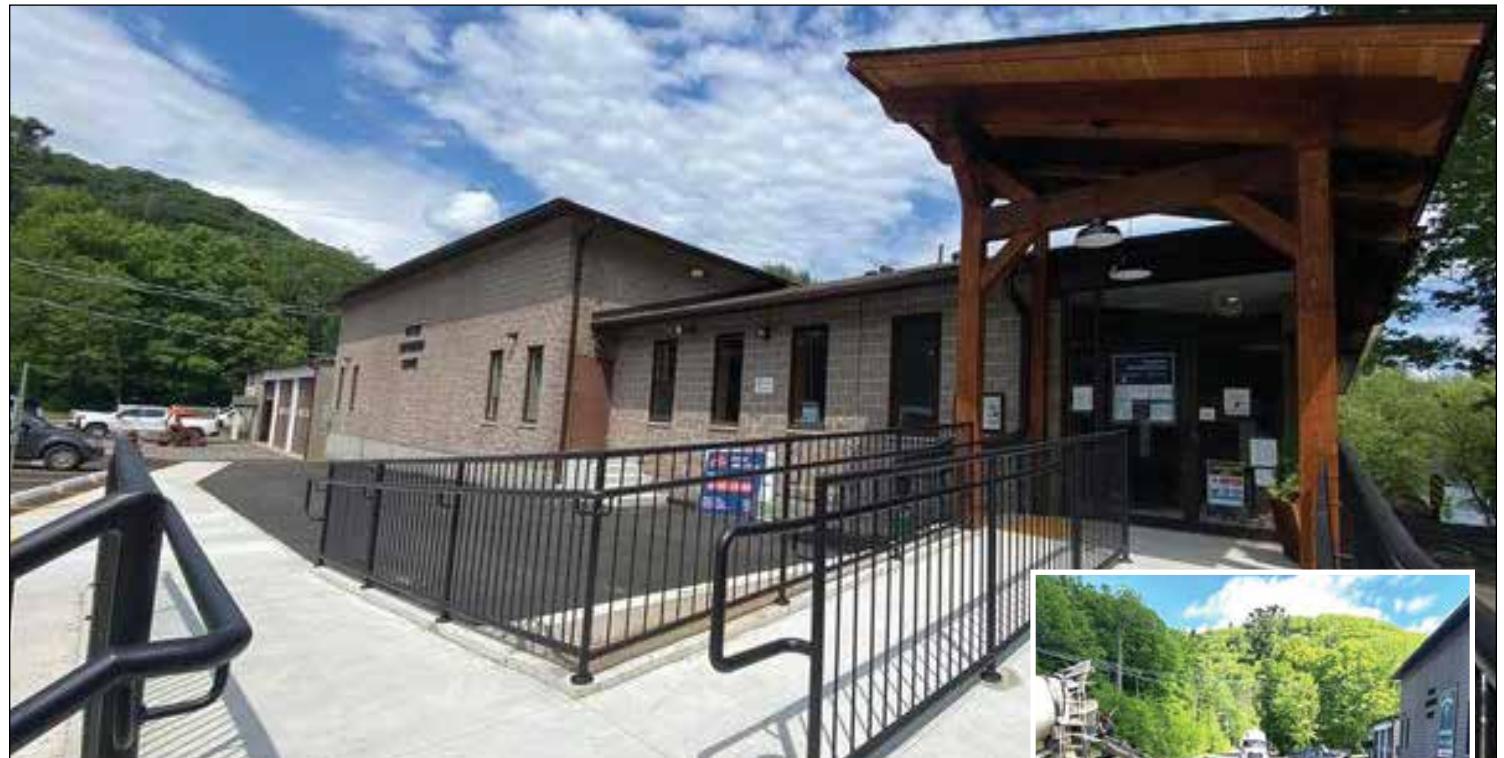
The facility has been closed since March 2020 after staff found extensive mold and moisture damage while renovating a downstairs bathroom. Further investigation showed the issue was prevalent throughout the building.

Work to restore the facility began in 2022. It featured the installation of a new HVAC system, external foundation waterproofing, off-site content storage, creation of an AODO-compliant front entrance and accessible bathroom, new exterior façade, and a total remodelling of the indoor space.

There is a reconfigured fitness room, upgraded lobby area, and new space for the Haliburton County Public Library. The renovation came in at around \$1.6 million and was led by Muskoka-based Gonneau Building Group.

Danielsen said next weekend's celebration will be one for the ages.

"We are so pleased to welcome everyone to what is going to be a great community celebration and a big day for Dorset," she said. "We know what a beloved community asset the Dorset Recreation Centre is... folks will be excited to get back into the building and use the facilities that have always meant



Above: A grand opening of the refurbished Dorset Recreation Centre will be held July 27. Inset: Workers complete outside work at the centre. Submitted.

so much to us all."

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a catered lunch, speeches from local dignitaries, children's activities, and live music by Adverse Conditions.

The official opening of the renamed

Tapscott-Lopes Park, previously known as the Dorset Pavilion and Community Park, will also take place. The township assumed ownership of the space last year after it was donated by local residents Don Tapscott and Ana Lopes.



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## Week three sees improvement

Last Thursday, July 18, offered an ideal mix of warm sun and cool breeze as the kids came together for the third week of soccer in Haliburton. Improvements were evident across all age groups, with skills training and encouragement from coaches starting to pay off. There's more hustle and determination in their eyes, making each game increasingly exciting. (Submitted).

## MVP's this week



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## Thursday July 25

Rockcliffe - trivia night, 7 p.m.

Boshkung Social - live music, 6 - 9 p.m.

## Friday July 26

Haliburton Highlands Brewing - Chad & Tim, 7- 9 p.m.

## Saturday July 27

Dominion Hotel - live music - North Country Express, 6 p.m.

Rockcliffe - live music - Chris Collins

Mulligans - live music - Jeff Moulton, 6 - 9 p.m.

Sir Sams Inn - live music - Marcus Thompson, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

## Sunday July 28

Boshkung Social - live music, 12 - 3 p.m.

Dominion Hotel - live Music - Chris Smith, 5 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Brewing - Craig & Maggie, 2- 4 p.m.

## Tuesday July 30

Haliburton Rotary - Albert Saxby with Gordie Tentress, 6:30 p.m.

Dominion Hotel - Tiki Tuesday - Heart and Soul, 5 p.m.

Boshkung Social - CanoeFM Bingo, 6 p.m.

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## EVENTS

### July 25, 7:30 p.m.

Join the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for its latest discovery days event, bat detectives. All eight species of bats found in Ontario have been identified in Haliburton County - learn why bat populations are decreasing as we stroll through Dahl Forest using special monitors to detect and hear bats. Admission by donation. Pre-registration required at haliburtonlandtrust.ca, or 705-457-3700.

### July 26, 1 p.m.

Do you like to move it, move it? Cool off at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and watch the movie *Madagascar* for free with your family. Snacks are on the house.

### July 27, 8 a.m. to noon

Dysart et al is hosting its first household hazardous waste drop-off at the Haliburton Landfill. Accepted items include aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, cleaning products, fertilizers, gasoline, motor oil, paint, pesticides and herbicides, pool chemicals, propane tanks and cylinders, and solvents. Any County resident is eligible to participate. Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

### July 27, 10 a.m.

Bake sale, with a variety of pies and other tasty treats available. In the lower level of the Highland Hills United Church, at 21 Newcastle St. in Minden. Everyone welcome.

### July 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Grand reopening of the Dorset Recreation Centre. Attendees will be able to tour the refurbished facility and enjoy a catered lunch, speeches, children's activities and live music from County-based band Adverse Conditions. The day will also include the official opening of Tapscott-Lopes Park.

### July 30, 10 a.m.

Join us for a free guided walking tour in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Meet at the kiosk in the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held rain or shine and can take up to two hours.

Tours are happening every Tuesday in July and August and are free, though donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

### July 30, 2 p.m.

Come to the Wilberforce branch of the Haliburton County Public Library for a free session about wills and estates by Angrove Law. Learn why having a will is important and how it ensures your wishes are followed after you pass away. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca to register.

### July 31, 10:30 a.m.

Stop by the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library for a 'Makerspace' workshop hosted by Piinnguaq Association. Help an Ozobot navigate Mars using colour codes and build your own spaceship using recycled materials. For ages 6 to 13. Free, no registration required. Event also happening at the Dysart branch at 2:30 p.m.

### July 31, 8 p.m.

If you enjoy local history, come to the Miners' Bay Church at 1017 Miners' Bay Rd., at the foot of the rock cut, every Wednesday evening until Aug. 28 - each session will consist of 10 or 12 brief vignettes of the local area, accompanied by a historic postcard, photograph, or artifact that relates to the story. Topics include the Gull Lake and surrounding area, local exploration, the timber trade, early tourism in the Highlands and more. For more information, call Russ at 705-935-1863.

### Aug. 6, 6 p.m.

Please join the Minden and District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre for a presentation by guest speaker Carol Pasternak, who will be discussing how to raise monarch butterflies. The speaker will be followed by the monthly society meeting. The junior members club will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. This is for children in Grade 2 or higher who want to explore their interest in all things that grow.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129

#### Haliburton weekly activities

**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.

**Tuesdays:** League darts 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine.

There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

**Clubroom hours:** Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

The Legion's mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

### Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519

#### Coboconk

**Second Monday of the month:** General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

**First Wednesday of the month:** Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

**Saturdays:** Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

### Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

**Monday - Thursday:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

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**Saturday** all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

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It is never too late to thank someone, so as I try to collect my thoughts, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, respect, kindness and dedications that were sent to our family and myself for our Big Jack. He was a great man and loved by so many.

So, thank you to the entire staff of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Hospital. You may be small, but you are mighty.

We are so grateful for the EMS Staff who worked through troubling times with us.

We truly appreciated the guidance and assistance of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home.

Thank you to the Wilberforce Ladies Auxiliary who worked so hard to make the event a moment of joy.

To all our friends and family who have reached out with so many cards, flowers and calls that were full of love and support. We want to thank you.

I want to thank you.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline on behalf of the Wanninkhof, Dietsch and Dempster Families.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

## Celebration of Life



**Robert "Bob" Jackson**  
Monday, August 12  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Haliburton Curling Club

Bob Jackson was known for his unwavering optimism and pragmatic outlook on life. In accordance with his wishes, we invite you to a heartfelt celebration where we will come together to share cherished stories, fond memories, and reflections in his honour.

Your presence would mean a great deal to us as we gather to remember and celebrate Bob's life.

## OBITUARIES



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Evelyn Browes  
(Nee Hockaday)**  
*(Resident of Haliburton)*

Evelyn Ruth Browes (nee Hockaday) passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, July 18th in her 80th year. Loving wife to Barry Browes for 59 years. Predeceased by her parents Ernest and Norma Hockaday (Yellowlees) and her infant brother Bruce. Big sister to Eileen and Jean (George). Dear mother of Lisa (Jeff), Carrie (Rick), and Garth (Jenny). Loving grandmother and great-grandmother of Aaron (Sarajane), David (Josée), Grace, Ryan (Stephanie), Kayley, Aleah, Stephanie, Ayden, and little Hazel. Evelyn was known as "Aunt Shortie" to her nieces and nephews. She grew up on the family farm in Solina. Evelyn worked in medical records at the Oshawa General Hospital until Lisa was born. She also had a few other jobs including Teela Market Surveys and being a school bus driver for 9 years. Barry and Evelyn retired to Haliburton in 2010. Evelyn was very active in the Church, the Solina's Women's Institute, and later on, she was active with the Legion, 4C's, and other community organizations. Evelyn was a very talented seamstress, artist, and crafter.

## Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life will be held at **THE HALIBURTON LEGION** 719 Mountain St, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 on August 24th. Family and friends are asked to gather between 1:00 - 4:00 to share their memories of Evelyn. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to 4C's or your local food bank. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.  www.communityfuneralhomes.com



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Ian Duncan Comrie**

A beloved patriarch and pillar of his community, passed away peacefully at the age of 95 in Haliburton, Ontario on Friday, July 12, 2024. Born in Scarborough, Ontario, Ian's life was characterized by his unwavering dedication to his family and his profound impact on the communities he called home. Ian was a devoted husband to his late wife Dorothy (née Borden), and a loving father to his late son Gordon, and his daughter Carole Moran. He was the proud grandfather to Nicole Comrie, Jenifer Rinaldo (Jeff), Brian Moran (Kristina), and Karen Moran (Lojick), and cherished great grandfather to Logan, Lily, Nathan, Bayleigh, Marissa, and Bryce.

Ian's entrepreneurial spirit led to carry on Comrie Lumber with his brother Ken, following its establishment by his late father Robert. His integrity and hard work earned him the respect and admiration of all who knew him. In addition to his professional endeavours, Ian found great joy in activities such as bowling and curling and was a passionate supporter of his Toronto Blue Jays. Ian generously gave his time and expertise to various community organizations and initiatives, such as the Kiwanis Club and he was named the 2009 Haliburton County volunteer of the year.

Ian will be remembered for his kindness, wisdom, and generosity. In lieu of flowers, Ian has requested donations to charities close to his heart, the Canadian Cancer Society, Haliburton 4 County's Food Bank, or Haliburton Hospital. These donations will honor Ian's commitment to supporting cancer research, alleviating hunger, and improving healthcare services in Haliburton. As per Ian's wishes, there will be no memorial service. His memory will remain forever in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who were lucky enough to be touched by his warmth and compassion.

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Jessie Agnes Gunter  
(VanCamp)**

September 18, 1926 - July 17, 2024

Jessie passed away peacefully, at home with Kathy and David. She had a lovely last few weeks with her grandkids and great grandkids who all were visiting her at the lake.

Even though there were times over the years where mom wasn't in Blackstock, the memories, recollections of small town life, the happiness she had with her family, and the love she felt within the community was always a source of joy.

She met a young man, Blake, from "up north" while playing tennis in town. She lived in the same house that she moved to as a young bride and where she raised her 4 children. Survived by her children Richard (Pam) Gunter, Kathy McLaughlin (David Nicholishen) John Gunter (Devi Arasanayagam) and Susan (Lorne) Bagel, 3 grandchildren Alex, Jessica and Blake and 4 great grandchildren.

Mom loved young children and as a kindergarten teacher, a teacher librarian and then later in life as a leader for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, she influenced a whole generation of young people in the community. As a grandmother and great grandmother she will be remembered for her wonderful cookie baking, where licking the spoon was always encouraged, hot tub sessions, loving encouragement and Florida vacations.

Mom loved Blackstock and spent many hours telling stories of playing baseball in the park and listening to the Maple Leaf hockey games on the radio, powered by a car battery. She longed to sit again on the corner house verandah, always loving her recent times visiting Jack and Devi. She loved her visits to Chilliwack to see Richard and Pam and her Sunday chats with her daughter Susan. Although her memory started to fail, she never forgot David who cared for her many hours over the last 6 years.

They say the cause of death was an "ice cream overdose" as she was never one to pass up on the offer. What a way to go. She was loved and will be missed but her memory will live on. Special thanks to the personal support workers, Sarah, Alicia, Brenda and Denise.

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### Congratulations Ruby!

Ruby Mitchell, daughter of very proud dad Duff Mitchell, has graduated from Bill Hogarth Secondary School in Markham. Now Ruby is on her way to Post University, in Connecticut on a Hockey Scholarship!

She is pursuing a bachelor degree in business.

We wish Ruby success as she tackles this journey, both in her hockey goals and her academic achievements.

Much love Ruby from your family and very proud grandparents Ruth and Doug Mitchell.



### Congratulations Emma Ruth!

Emma Ruth South has graduated from the University of Guelph, with bachelor degree in Bio-resource management, with distinction.

She is now in a Masters Degree program in Rural Planning and Development.

We wish Emma success and happiness as she steps out on this next part of her life journey.

Proud parents are Krista and George South, and very proud grandparents are Ruth and Doug Mitchell.

## EVENT

HIGHLAND STORM HOCKEY to host FREE Equipment day at A.J. LaRue Arena. Sunday, August 18th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. The public is asked to drop off gently used hockey equipment between now and the event, at Emmerson Lumber locations or the Minden Fire Hall. Please pack everything in large plastic bags. In exchange for the free equipment, requesting parents to bring a non-perishable food item to contribute to the local food bank.

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We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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**The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires a Planner**

Reporting to the Director of Planning, the Planner will be responsible for assisting with various policy planning initiatives, assisting in processing of development inquiries and formal Planning Act applications, as well as satisfying the legislative requirements of the Land Division Committee, acting as its Secretary-Treasurer. The successful applicant will hold a degree or diploma in Planning or related discipline and a minimum of two years related municipal experience. Membership or eligibility with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) is preferred. Membership in the Ontario Association of Committee of Adjustment and Consent Authorities (OACA) with an Accredited Committee Secretary Treasurer (ACST) designation is an asset.

The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$33.27. Work week is forty (40) hours.

For complete responsibilities and requirements of the position please visit our website at [www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers)

Please submit a detailed resume indicating your skills and experience no later than **August 9, at 4:30 p.m. local time**, to: Evelyn Fenwick, Human Resources Manager at [efenwick@haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:efenwick@haliburtoncounty.ca)

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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**You're a Strange Animal**by Barbara Olson  
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- 1 "The Simpsons" rating  
 5 Rent sharer  
**10** Jobs' creation of the '90s  
**14** Edible tropical root  
**15** "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring, \_\_\_" ("The Mikado" song)  
**16** Israel's first female leader  
**17** Charlotte + Sebastian  
**19** River Oder, to Poles  
**20** "Almighty" role for Steve Carell  
**21** Blood-related  
**23** Global banking org.  
**24** "Oh, pul-eeeeze!"  
**26** Pooh + Thomas O'Malley  
**28** Hunt-and-\_\_ (crude typing method)  
**29** \_\_\_Kosh, Wisconsin home of a clothing co.  
**31** Robed Celtic sages  
**32** Nonspecific choice  
**33** Calculation marked by a colon  
**35** Oral exam exclusion  
**36** Marty + Nemo  
**38** "What am I supposed to \_\_\_?"  
**41** Letters before bravos  
**42** Part of L.G.B.T.  
**45** Bounced off the walls?  
**47** Journey segment  
**48** Polar explorer Richard \_\_\_  
**49** Ferdinand + Marmaduke  
**51** Movie cast extras, often  
**53** Lead-in to right or rock  
**54** Lieu  
**56** Trac II cousin  
**57** Colosseum or cake level  
**59** Shere Khan + Jabberjaw  
**62** Twin of Jacob  
**63** Inkless invite  
**64** Vingt-\_\_ (quinze + six)  
**65** Mo.-end bank record  
**66** Rear ends, anatomically  
**67** Third-ranking RCMP

**Down**

- 1 Sporty Audis  
 2 Slim e-cig  
**3** Desired effect of a Do Not Enter sign  
**4** Suddenly stop texting  
**5** Mid-ice pos. in hockey  
**6** It may be conducted in a pit  
**7** Fabled dawdler  
**8** ... lion, go out like \_\_\_  
**9** Overdid the pampering  
**10** Texter's "if you ask me"  
**11** Florentine banking family  
**12** Military fleet of fliers  
**13** Artsy-\_\_ (like Etsy sellers)  
**18** Calgary-Edmonton dir.  
**22** Stroke tenderly  
**24** Place for a rubbing or a mudding  
**25** Jordan, in the Bible  
**27** Geddy Lee's band
- 30** Greeting to the gang  
**33** Joins another union?  
**34** Law breakers  
**36** Animal sci.  
**37** Cunning mimic in "Aladdin"  
**38** Pre-election shouting matches, at times  
**39** Eye doctor, more formally  
**40** Canucks or Canadiens  
**42** Fitness freaks  
**43** Persian underfoot?  
**44** Roughriders gains: Abbr.  
**46** Like the line to sign on  
**48** Comes clean?  
**50** Insurer with a spokelizard  
**52** "I Can" rapper  
**55** Gelatin kin  
**58** Wagon wheel track  
**60** Food guide stat.  
**61** "Shining armour" fellow: Abbr.



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